



## What is the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)?

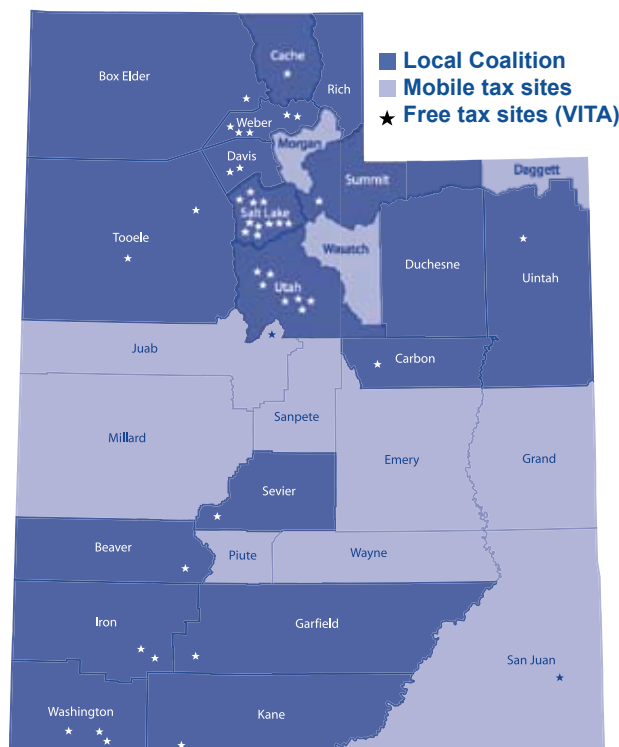
EITC is a refundable federal tax credit of up to a few thousand dollars. Eligibility and dollar amount depend on the household's filing status, income, age, and number of qualifying dependants. Households which qualify for the EITC may also be eligible for the child tax credit and other credits.

## Who is eligible for free tax help?

Low- to moderate-income households may receive free tax-preparation assistance through the coalition partners statewide. Eligibility and dollar amounts depend on the household's filing status, income, and number of qualifying dependants. Households that qualify for the EITC may also be eligible for the child tax credit and other credits. Assistance is available in multiple languages. For more information, visit [www.utahtaxhelp.org](http://www.utahtaxhelp.org) or make an appointment to have your taxes done for free by dialing 2-1-1.

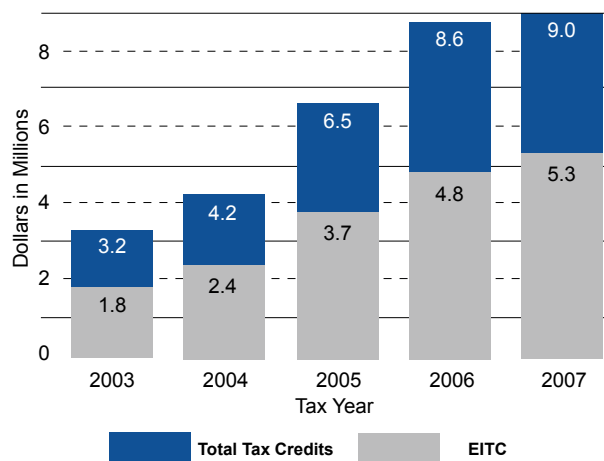
## Utah Free Tax Preparation Locations

To find the location nearest you, **Dial 2-1-1**



## Return on Investment

An investment of \$830,000 from multiple sources to support Earn It. Keep It. Save It. in Utah has yielded \$32,000,000 in total tax credits from 2004-2008.



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## Give back to your community— Volunteer!

Help low- to moderate-income households keep more of what they earn and bring millions of Earned Income Tax Credit dollars into Utah's economy!



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Steve West, Zions Bank volunteer

**Below are several volunteer opportunities available at free self-filing online tax preparation and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites. Free tax preparation sites and services are available throughout the state.**

### Site Coordinator and Electronic Return Transmitter:

Provides coordination, organization, and supervision for all aspects of the free tax site. The site coordinator is also responsible for gathering, maintaining, and compiling timely statistical reports as required.

Coordinator also sends electronic tax returns to the IRS that were prepared at the VITA site and checks the returns for acceptance the next day. Transmitters trouble shoot and fix returns that are rejected by the IRS and may have to contact the filer to fix the rejected return. Transmitters work a minimum of 3 hours per week, schedules flexible.

**Training:** Tax Law and TaxWise classes or self-study and a passing score on the IRS Certification Exam are required for all VITA Site Coordinators/Transmitters.

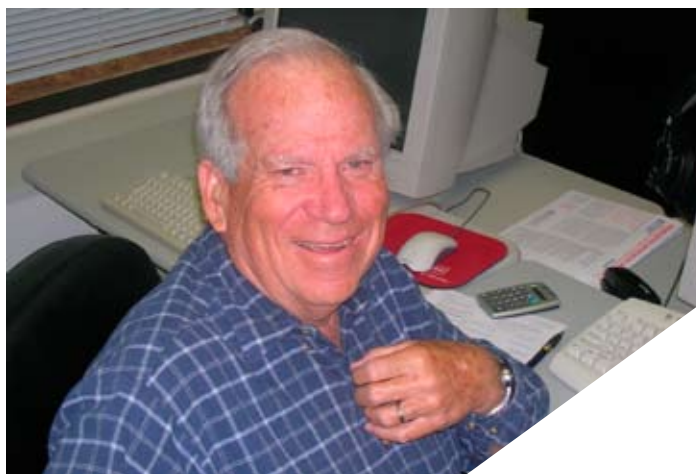
### Tax Preparer:

Assist low- to moderate-income wage earners complete their tax returns during the tax filing season. Tax Preparers receive free training and are certified by the IRS. Tax Preparers work a minimum of 3 hours per week at a VITA site.

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### Financial Resource Specialist:

Specialists provide information to low- to moderate-income wage earners at free tax preparation sites about asset building opportunities and other community resources, such as housing, healthcare, and food assistance. Specialists also deliver education about the effects of predatory lending. Financial Resource Specialists work a minimum of 3 hours per week, schedules flexible. No certification required. **Training provided.**



Harries Lloyd preparing taxes at community VITA site

### Interpreter:

Aid free tax preparation clients by working alongside the tax clients and Tax Preparers. Interpreters work a minimum of 3 hours per week at the free tax preparation site. Volunteers who speak Spanish are in high demand, other languages are also needed. **No training required.**

### Greeter:

Welcome tax filers to the free tax site during the tax season. Greeters are responsible for ensuring that tax filers have all the documents and information needed to complete their tax returns. Greeters work a minimum of 3 hours per week, schedules flexible. **Some training may be required at some sites.**

### What is Earn It. Keep It. Save It.?

Earn It. Keep It. Save It. is a public-private partnership working to strengthen family financial stability by utilizing the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), free tax preparation services, such as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), and asset formation programs. Local coalitions in Cache, Davis, Weber, Salt Lake, Utah, Sevier, and Washington counties work to implement the campaign in their areas. The Utah Community Action Partnership Association and a variety of community partners provide services in the remaining areas of the state.

### What is Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)?

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program has provided free tax preparation services through local community coalitions for low- to moderate-income households in Utah since the early 1970s to ensure the distribution of EITC. IRS certified volunteers receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in their community. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, food pantries, local businesses, and other convenient locations.

### What is The Beehive?

The Beehive ([www.thebeehive.org](http://www.thebeehive.org)) is a place to go for information and resources about the things that matter in our lives: money, health, jobs, school, and family, including free online tax preparation service for low- to moderate-income households earning \$56,000 or less to ensure the distribution of EITC. The program is aimed at providing clients the ability to gain self-sufficiency and self-reliance by using the user-friendly computer software. Volunteers are needed to assist clients with self-filing their taxes online, to guide clients through the website, and to answer basic tax questions.

To volunteer  
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or visit  
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